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AMENDMENT


In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 26 and 27 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 25 as follows:



1. (Amended) A method of obtaining expression in ~~mammalian cells~~ of an antigen of interest in a mammalian subject, which method comprises transferring into said cells of said subject a nucleic acid construct comprising a minimal promoter sequence operably linked to a coding sequence for the antigen, whereafter said coding sequence antigen is expressed in said mammalian cells in an amount sufficient to elicit an immune response to the antigen.



25. (Amended) A vaccine composition containing a nucleic acid construct comprising a minimal promoter sequence operably linked to a coding sequence for an antigen of interest.